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<p>1. This report is the international preliminary examination report, established by this International Preliminary Examining Authority under Article 35 and transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.</p> <p>2. This REPORT consists of a total of <u>5</u> sheets, including this cover sheet.</p> <p>3. This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, comprising:</p> <p>a. <input type="checkbox"/> (sent to the applicant and to the International Bureau) a total of _____ sheets, as follows:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis for this report and/or sheets containing rectifications authorized by this Authority (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions).</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> sheets which supersede earlier sheets, but which this Authority considers contain an amendment that goes beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed, as indicated in item 4 of Box No. I and the Supplemental Box.</p> <p>b. <input type="checkbox"/> (sent to the International Bureau only) a total of (indicate type and number of electronic carrier(s)) _____, containing a sequence listing and/or tables related thereto, in computer readable form only, as indicated in the Supplemental Box Relating to Sequence Listing (see Section 802 of the Administrative Instructions).</p>																									
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Box No. I Basis of the report

1. With regard to the language, this report is based on the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.
- ☐ This report is based on translations from the original language into the following language _____, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of:
- ☐ international search (Rule 12.3 and 23.1(b))
- ☐ publication of the international application (Rule 12.4)
- ☐ international preliminary examination (Rule 55.2 and/or 55.3)
2. With regard to the elements of the international application, this report is based on *(replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report)*:
- ☐ the international application as originally filed/furnished
- ☒ the description:
- pages 1-22 _____ as originally filed/furnished
- pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____
- pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____
- ☒ the claims:
- nos. 1-30 _____ as originally filed/furnished
- nos.* _____ as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19
- nos.* _____ received by this Authority on _____
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- ☒ the drawings:
- sheets 1/2-2/2 _____ as originally filed/furnished
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- ☐ a sequence listing and/or any related table(s) – see Supplemental Box Relating to Sequence Listing.
3. ☐ The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:
- ☐ the description, pages _____
- ☐ the claims, nos. _____
- ☐ the drawings, sheets/figs _____
- ☐ the sequence listing (*specify*): _____
- ☐ any table(s) related to sequence listing (*specify*): _____
4. ☐ This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments annexed to this report and listed below had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).
- ☐ the description, pages _____
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* If item 4 applies, some or all of those sheets may be marked "superseded."

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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims		YES
	Claims	1, 12, 20, 23	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims		YES
	Claims	1, 12, 20, 23	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-30	YES
	Claims		NO

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

- 1 This report makes reference to the following documents:

D1: WO 02/27454 A (BIOPRINT AS; MATHIASSEN CAMILLA (NO)) 4 April 2002 (2002-04-04)

D2: "RELATED ITEM INDEX FOR GRAPHICAL USER INTERFACE" IBM TECHNICAL DISCLOSURE BULLETIN, IBM CORP. NEW YORK, US, Vol. 38, No. 10, 1 October 1995 (1995-10-01), pages 177-178, XP000540459 ISSN: 0018-8689.

- 2 The present application does not meet the requirements of PCT Article 33(1).

- 2.1 The subject matter of claims 1, 12 and 23 is not novel within the meaning of PCT Article 33(2).

Document D1 discloses a device for searching and processing data in a mass memory comprising a housing with an acoustic and/or optical and/or mechanical output unit and a search function (page 1, lines 6, 7 - these are features of all PCs and PDAs), wherein a key unit (page 4, line 26 -

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"touch sensitive switch") for inputting Morse signs or Morse-like signs (page 4, lines 20, 21) in two input modes (page 4, line 22 - "multiple mode input") are disposed at the level of the housing (page 4, lines 8, 9), wherein the first input mode is intended for the input of text (page 10, lines 15-18) and the second mode for the input of control commands (page 11, lines 19, 20 - "double tap" is a Morse-like sign which, in the present case, selects a sign from a selection field).

Consequently, the subject matter of claim 1 is not novel.

A similar line of reasoning applies to device claim 23, which is likewise not novel.

Method claim 12 corresponds to device claim 1. Therefore, the subject matter of claim 12 is also not novel.

2.2 The subject matter of claim 20 does not involve an inventive step within the meaning of PCT Article 33(3).

Document D1 discloses a method for searching and processing data in a mass memory (page 11, lines 15-18), wherein in at least one input mode designed for the input of text, Morse signs or Morse-like signs are entered by means of a key unit (page 11, lines 19 and 20).

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The subject matter of claim 20 therefore differs from document D1 in that to carry out a search, search terms are entered in one of the input modes, at the start of the search the entire list of data present in the mass memory is displayed on a screen, and the entry of as little as a single letter as search terms changes the sequence of the data on the list accordingly or suppresses those data which do not correspond to the search term.

The problem to be solved by the present invention is therefore understood to be that of simplifying the search for an element on a list.

The additional feature of claim 1 is a routine measure (see, for example, document D2). For a person skilled in the art it would be routine practice in the field to incorporate this feature into the system described in document D1 in order to solve the problem of interest.

Consequently, the subject matter of claim 20 does not involve an inventive step.

- 2.3 The dependent claims do not contain any features which, combined with the features of any claim to which they refer, meet the PCT requirements for novelty and inventive step.